

DEMOCRATS TO END PLATFORM WORK TONIGHT

Basis of Coming Campaign to
Be Completed at Meeting;
New Planks Added

Local Democrats this evening expect to finally adopt the platform upon which they will base their coming campaign. Practically all of the platform planks have been approved and have passed second reading, some with but slight amendments, and the few remaining planks will be called up tonight for amendment and final action.

The meeting will be held in the office of National Committeeman John H. Wilson in Pauahi street, and Chairman William A. Bryan will preside. The public is invited. Tonight's meeting probably will be the last for a week or two, but the members of the party are to get together within a short time to organize and put their campaign in shape.

At a meeting held last night a number of new planks were passed, and several former planks were passed at second reading with slight amendments. The following planks have passed second reading and will be finally considered this evening:

COLLEGE OF HAWAII

We note the increased value and efficiency of the College of Hawaii as an educational institution of the first rank, and urge that appropriations for its maintenance on the part of the territory be increased in amount more nearly in keeping with the financial assistance given by states on the mainland in support of colleges of agriculture and mechanic arts, thus providing opportunity for advanced scientific and technical education at home.

We further pledge our legislative candidates to use every effort to enact such legislation as will unite the Federal Experiment Station and the Bureau of Forestry and Agriculture with the College of Hawaii, believing that the consolidation of these three allied institutions under one general direction will render possible an increase in the efficiency of each without detracting from the character and value of the work now being accomplished by these institutions.

We especially commend the practical work being done by these three important agencies, particularly that which has a direct bearing on the agricultural and horticultural activities of the territory, and look with favor on increased appropriations that will aid them in solving the many problems with which the small producer is now confronted.

FRONTAGE TAX LAWS

We favor the general principle of assessing the cost of public improvements, when practicable, against the property benefited.

We believe that the present frontage tax law is impracticable in its operation in the older and more settled portions of the city and county of Honolulu, and should be made applicable only to the opening of new tracts for residential purposes.

ELECTION OF ASSESSORS

The party is on record as favoring the election by the people of a tax assessor for each and every county and district, and pledges its candidates to support such legislation.

TAX SALES REDEMPTION

We favor the passage of a law by which the mortgagee, or any debtor, shall have the right to redeem real estate sold under foreclosure of mort-

gage within one year after such sale, by paying principal, interest and costs.

ENCOURAGE SMALL FARMERS

We believe that every effort should be made by the territory to assist and encourage the small farmer, and we endorse the territorial marketing division as a practical means to that end. We believe that this institution should receive liberal financial support from the territory, so as to enable the division to make prompt returns to farmers and to develop through storage and delivery facilities in the interests of the residents of Honolulu who are patrons of the institution are interested in securing prompt and economical delivery of the farm products of the islands.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP UTILITIES

We reiterate our belief in the principle of the government ownership of public utilities, and cite the Honolulu Rapid Transit Company as a corporation enjoying the free use of the public streets, that has so consistently manipulated its charter as to deprive the people of their just share of the benefits accruing from the operation of a generous franchise. We recommend as a settled policy that on the expiration of this franchise the street railway system in Honolulu be taken over by the city and county and administered in the interests of the people.

The profits now being enjoyed by the private stockholders interested in this corporation when turned into the treasury of the city and county would supply the funds necessary to provide the city with free garbage disposal and the cost of maintaining the sewer system of the city without additional cost to our citizens. In the meantime the party favors such appropriations as are necessary to provide free garbage disposal as a sanitary measure of the most urgent nature.

PROMOTION WORK FAVORED

We look with favor on the continued development of tourist travel to these islands, believing that funds thus expended ultimately benefit all our people from the humblest laborer and farmer to the busy city merchant. We urge that such reasonable appropriations should be made and expended under territorial supervision as will not only induce an increase in travel to the islands, but will develop and make available, through the construction of roads, trails and shelter houses and the like the many and varied attractions our islands afford for residents and tourists alike. The isolation of the islands is our greatest handicap in the development of the tourist trade, and this handicap is made doubly great by the excessive passenger rates charged by existing lines of steamships throughout the islands and to the mainland. A territorially owned or controlled tourist vessel, operated at cost in the interest of the people would reduce the cost of travel, minimize our water isolation and be a boon to residents and to our tourist trade.

HOMESTEADS AND ROADS

One of the greatest obstacles to successful homesteading in this territory has been the lack of roads during the first few years when the homesteader is performing his homestead duties. At the very time when the law, as it now stands, compels the homesteader to work and live on his homestead, in many instances the lack of roads has rendered a compliance with the law almost if not entirely impossible.

We advocate now, as we did in 1913, the establishment of a revolving fund for the purpose of building these roads as soon as the public lands are homesteaded. We therefore pledge our representatives and senators to enact legislation providing for such a revolving fund of sufficient amount to allow the prompt building of roads as soon as the homesteaded tracts are opened, the money from the sale of such homestead lots to be turned back into the said revolving fund so that at all times

there may be sufficient funds on hand to provide for the prompt building of the said homestead roads as soon as the public lands are opened for homesteading.

In connection with the actual opening up of public lands to homesteaders, we believe that the large discretionary power exercised by the chief executive should be curtailed. The aim at all times should be the settlement upon the lands of a permanent class of citizen farmers. We believe the homesteading of public lands should be under such mandatory rules and regulations as will prevent the said lands being eventually turned over to speculators and corporations and as will succeed in establishing upon the lands a permanent class of independent farmers.

FISHERIES CONSERVATION

The aquatic resources of the territory are important assets that should be conserved and developed. We favor an appropriation by our local legislature that will provide a suitable site as an inducement for the establishment by the federal government of a fish cultural and biologic laboratory, similar to those already established in a like manner in many states on the mainland. The demand for an increased supply of fish at a cheaper price is an urgent one in these islands and one that, with our hundreds of miles of coast line, can be met by the application of scientific methods of fish culture in these waters.

MINIMUM WAGE LEGISLATION

We desire to call attention to the fact that during the past two years the cost of living has increased and that the wages of all of the laboring people of the territory have been raised except the laborers employed by the government of this territory. The wages of plantation laborers have been raised in some cases more than 50 per cent, while, notwithstanding the increased cost of living, the men working for the government of this territory are compelled to work for the same wages as before.

We therefore pledge our candidates to the legislature to work for a law which will make the minimum wage \$2 per day for all unskilled labor performed by territorial employees. As the wages of the employees of the county and municipal governments is a matter which ought to be left to those bodies to decide, we do not include such laborers within the foregoing provisions, but now desire that in the proper time the Democratic party of this territory will advocate the foregoing scale of wages for the employees of the city and county governments. And we pledge our candidate for delegate to congress to urge such measures as will insure the employment of citizen labor on federal government work in Hawaii and at the prevailing minimum wage in force in the territory.

SUPPORT OF LIBRARY

The Public Library of Hawaii is a territorial institution ministering to the higher culture and pleasure of thousands of our citizens. It is entitled to more liberal support from the territory that it may increase its store of books and that its advantages may be extended and made more accessible to citizens resident on the several islands of the group.

CITY WATER SUPPLY

We urge that something definite and constructive be done toward insuring to the people an adequate and unobstructed city water supply. We favor the municipal control and development of the artesian and underground waters of the city and county as the proper source from which to secure city water for Honolulu, and pledge our candidates to the house and senate to favor legislation designed to secure such control and development either by methods of taxation or by condemnation proceedings.

And we further believe that a carefully planned system of tunnels in the mountains immediately back of the city will yield an unending and abundant supply of pure water that can be secured at a high level at a minimum cost for development and delivery.

COUNTY OF KALAWAO

We again pledge our candidates to the legislature to work for liberal appropriations for those of our citizens who are confined in the County of Kalawao, and we pledge our said candidates and our candidates for delegate to Congress to resist by every means in their power any suggestion or any scheme by which the said county of Kalawao shall become a dumping ground for like unfortunate from other parts of the union.

PRISON REFORM FAVORED

The Democratic party favors such measures and procedures as will provide for the care of our territorial prisoners in accord with the best practices employed in penal institutions in the more advanced states on the mainland. We especially recommend that in connection with the territorial prison a prison farm be maintained to the end that persons under punishment for violation of territorial laws may be employed thereon, and that the surplus produce, above that consumed in the conduct of the prison, be made available for use in eleemosynary and charitable institutions in Honolulu.

INSURANCE LEGISLATION

We urge amendments to the existing insurance laws that will curb the monopoly now enjoyed by the established fire insurance companies in Hawaii, and favor such additional legislation as will permit the organization of bona fide mutual insurance companies under territorial control, similar to those in operation in a number of states on the mainland.

ASSISTED IMMIGRATION

In accord with the settled policy of the party, we continue to oppose any territorial assisted immigration.

PRIMARY LAW INDORSED

We indorse the existing primary law, believing that it operates in the interests of the citizens as against the control by party machines and corporations, and pledge our party to its continuance on the statute books, with such practical amendments as

time and experience may render necessary.

INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL

The party strongly favors the Democratic measures involved in the initiative, referendum and recall as the most satisfactory method of enforcing the will of the people and preventing the misuse of power by officers that have been elected by their votes.

SETTLEMENT ON QUEEN

The party's candidates to the legislature are pledged to secure a liberal appropriation for Queen Liliuokalani as an evidence of the respect in which she is held by all our people.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

We again favor the passage of a law by which the duties of public administrator shall be added to those of county treasurer, who, with the advice and assistance of the county attorney, shall act as the local officer of the county in performing the duties of public administrator in small estates without fee or reward, except his salary as county treasurer, as provided by law.

SUFFRAGE

The Democratic party of the territory is in full accord with the national platform in its belief in the principle of equal suffrage. We pledge our candidate for delegate to Congress to work for an amendment to the Organic Act providing such legislation as will give the women of the territory the right to vote. We favor the holding of a plebiscite by the women of the territory extending to them an opportunity to formally express their wishes in this important matter, and pledge our legislative candidates to favor such a test vote.

RECLAMATION SERVICE

In view of the immense public benefit that would accrue to the people of the territory through the extension of the national reclamation act to include these islands in its field of operations, we pledge the service of our candidate for delegate to Congress to urge upon Congress and the administration this important matter.

BRITISH CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING AND ASSUMES NEW NAME

The British Association Club held its annual meeting Wednesday evening to elect officers and name committees for the ensuing year. About 60 were present and only routine business was transacted. Fred Harrison, elected president, reviewed the past year's work, and H. Douglas Young, C. A., certified the acting treasurer's statement.

The club, formerly the British Association Club, will hereafter be known as the British Club to distinguish it from another organization, the British Association, formerly called the British Benevolent Society.

The club's finances and large enrollment show it to be in excellent condition.

Officers elected were the following: Fred Harrison, president; Robert Anderson, vice-president; J. C. Veitch, secretary; W. F. Wilson, treasurer.

Board of directors—E. L. S. Gordon, H. B. M. Connel, J. A. Rath, J. Y. Phillips, Frank H. Head, Fred L. Waldron, J. C. McGill, J. J. McKenna, G. G. Canlay, P. T. W. Simpson, W. Healy, Judge W. L. Stanley, John Walker, Robert Scott, John Watt, James W. Chalmers, R. A. Jordan, John Guild.

Trustees—Peter Tosh, Robert Scott, H. A. Taylor.

POSITION SEEKERS NOT OVER ENCOURAGED TO COME TO HAWAII

Secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Commercial Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Promotion Committee conferred yesterday afternoon with a view to adopting a uniform policy in replying to letters inquiring about work in Honolulu and found that they already had what is practically a uniform policy.

They all have been answering inquiries with the statement that Hawaii wants all the good citizens she can get, unless the inquirer has the means to make the round trip for pleasure in case nothing turns up for him here he had better stay on the mainland; that prospects for employment are not very good here, as there are plenty of men on the ground. This will be the reply in the future.

Exploration has proved a long maintained theory that Finnish Lapland contains vast deposits of the highest grade iron ore, equal, if not superior, to the best Swedish.

About 2,000,000 natives of Siam are engaged in the cultivation of rice, but the large increase in the production of American rice is having the effect of reducing the Siam crop.

Minnesota has a new directory in which the longest name is Schimmel-pleanning and the shortest Elk. In all 340,357 persons are listed. There are nearly 800 families of Johnsons.

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CHINESE CLAIM THEIR DETENTION HAS NO WAY OUT

Released Under Opium Charge,
May Be Held for Not Having
Certificates

Choy Fook and Sin Tip, Chinese from Singapore, are "between Scylla and Charybdis," so to speak; and all for the reason, they assert, that an informer, after accepting their hospitality in the form of a pipe or two of opium, "squealed" on them with the result that they were arrested and are now abiding in Oahu prison.

The Chinese came to Honolulu in the British ship Natica on May 22, this year. Choy was an older and Sin a fireman. The vessel called here for oil. Shortly after the arrival of the vessel federal officials went aboard and arrested the Chinese on a charge of having opium in possession. Five tins of unstamped opium were taken as evidence. After a hearing they were bound over to the federal grand jury for investigation.

According to the story the Chinese have told their attorney, E. A. Dougherty, a Chinese informer boarded the vessel shortly before the arrest and found one of the defendants smoking opium. The informer asked for a smoke and was given not only one but several, say the defendants.

Then, they claim, the informer tried to purchase some of the opium, but Choy and Sin refused, saying that their supply was not for sale but for their own use. Their arrest followed a little later.

The Chinese have been in prison since last May. Their attorney contends that if they were released on bond they would be taken into custody by the federal immigration officials as being unlawfully in the country under the Chinese exclusion act. They would be asked to show their certificates of residence, he says, but would have none to produce. They could not make bond and take a chance of being detained and deported to their own country, he adds, for the reason that they still would be held to the grand jury.

"It is simply a case of jail or forcible detention," says the attorney. "If they do not make bond they will have to stay in jail. If they did make bond it would mean confinement at the immigration station."

It is understood that the Chinese have wages in the sum of about \$65 each due them.

The Chinese claim that their opium was unstamped and that it was never brought ashore here. Whether they may be held liable under these circumstances may form an interesting point in their trial if indictments are returned against them.

Homes for 5000 soldiers, in event of war with Mexico, have been arranged for in Massachusetts, according to an announcement made by Mrs. William Lowell Putnam, president of the Boston auxiliary of the National Security League.

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